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IMPROVED LOAD BEARING CAPACITY AND  
METHOD FOR DESIGNING INTERLAYER  
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R.**

**§1.114**

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. With reference to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(b), a final office action was mailed in connection with the above-identified application on April 3, 2008.

It is respectfully requested that the following Amendments and Remarks be considered to be the submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(a).

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.